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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: GATT, ETRD

SUBJ: GATT WORKING PARTY ON EXPORT INFLATION INSURANCE

REF: (A) STATE 216976, (B) SINGAPORE 3877

1. DESPITE INFO IN REFTEL (B), TAN OF SINGAPORE WAS NOT INFORMED UNTIL TODAY OF REFUSAL HIS AUTHORITIES GRANT PERMISSION TO SERVE AS WP CHAIRMAN. ALTHOUGH WE TOLD HIM OF THIS NEWS EARLIER HE APPARENTLY HAD SOME ADDITIONAL REASON TO HOPE THAT PERMISSION MIGHT BE FORTHCOMING. TO MOVE ALONG, WE AND SECRETARIAT PRECIPITATED THE FINAL DECISION OF TODAY WHICH UNFORTUNATELY TURNED OUT TO BE NEGATIVE.

2. GATT SECRETARIAT SUGGESTS BARTHEL-ROSA OF BRAZIL AS CHAIRMAN. WE STRONGLY ENDORSE THIS SUGGESTION. BARTHEL-ROSE HAS GOOD GATT EXPERIENCE, WOULD BE A STRONG
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CHAIRMAN, AND IS WELL RESPECTED AROUND TOWN. WE WOULD

NOT EXPECT BRAZEL TO BE AN INTERESTED PARTY, ONE WAY
OR THE OTHER, IN EXPORT INFLATION INSURANCE.

3. BARTHEL-ROSA OF COURSE HAS NOT BEEN APPROACHED BY
THE SECRETARIAT AND HIS AVAILABILITY IS UNKNOWN. EC
REACTION TO HIS POSSIBLE CHAIRMANSHIP ALSO NOT YET
KNOWN. IF TIMELY AGREEMENT CAN BE REACHED ON BARTHEL-
ROSA, GATT SECRETARIAT STILL HOLDS OUT SOME HOPE OF
A BRIEF LAUNCHING MEETING IN SEPTEMBER.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: WOULD APPRECIATE INDICATION BY
PRIORITY CABLE TO REACH GENEVA WITHIN NEXT TWO DAYS
IF WASHINGTON CONCURS WITH BARTHEL-ROSA'S CANDIDACY. CATTO

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